

a climate where the United States and our neighbors can be competitive into the 21st century or we can repeat the same turmoil of the 1980s. The choice is clear, it is stark, and I think it is beyond reasonable debate: Will we engage or will we retreat?

I urge you to extend this assistance to our neighbors to expand commerce and promote economic and political stability in the region. A primary beneficiary of that stability and expansion, a primary beneficiary of the new enhanced partnership between the United States and our neighbors in the Caribbean, will be the United States of America and its citizens.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about a friend, an athlete, a scholar, a lawyer, a Governor, a Secretary of the Navy, a Senator, and a marine—not necessarily in that order.

The Senate and our country have lost a great man with the passing of John Chafee. He exemplified everything that is so good and decent and honorable about our country. A man born to privilege, he also recognized a duty and an obligation to serve his country. As a young freshman at Yale, he was moved to action by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He became a marine because he wanted to fight, and they promised him he would do just that in the Pacific.

So many of our World War II generation, called by Tom Brokaw "our greatest generation," did exactly what John Chafee did. They left their ivy league campuses and their State universities, their jobs and their families, and they saw it as their duty to serve.

The Marines delivered on their promise; they gave John Chafee a chance to fight. Soon after his initial training, he found himself as a young private on the beach at one of America's bloodiest battles, at Guadalcanal. Several years ago, at a program at the Smithsonian, Senator Chafee joined a group of World War II veterans who discussed their memories of the war. John Chafee related that the lesson he carried with him was that there was no rhyme or reason to who lived and who died in combat. He said he learned that it didn't matter how good a marine you might be, the incoming artillery rounds and the enemy bullets did not discriminate among good and bad marines and that if one survived it was not though personal merit but by the

grace of God. He came away from that experience with a commitment to live honorably and well because he recognized that every day was a gift and because he owed that to those who he left behind on those fields.

He went on to receive a commission as a lieutenant and the Marines continued to provide those opportunities to fight in other bloody battles in the Pacific theater including Okinawa.

When the war ended, he took off his uniform, returned home, and picked up where he left off. He graduated from Yale where he distinguished himself as a collegiate wrestler and captain of the Yale wrestling team. Although a supremely modest man, the one honor for which he was always very proud and willing to talk about was his induction several years ago into the Collegiate Wrestling Hall of Fame in Oklahoma.

After Yale, he went on to Harvard and graduated in a class filled with many other veterans with similar war records including Senator TED STEVENS. But soon after graduating from law school, John Chafee learned the Marines weren't done with him and their promise to give him a chance to fight.

In fact, John Chafee related this experience to me when we were driving together in a car to see the mustering out of one of my favorite aides, my legislative aide Dave Davis, whose wife happened to be John Chafee's personal assistant. We were going out together because this was a big day for Dave Davis. He was going to leave the Army and to come with me full time. I must say it was a great day for me. John Chafee said: You know, I left after World War II, and I thought I was finished. I didn't sign any papers saying I had left the service; I didn't think it was necessary. And all of a sudden, one day during the Korean war, I get a notice from the U.S. Marines saying you never left the marines, and we are going to send you to Korea. He said: My gosh, I was so surprised.

He was no longer an 18-year-old who was looking for a place to fight. He had a wife and child. He had just graduated from Harvard Law School with a bright future ahead. John Chafee said: I still have a commitment and I am going to keep it.

He said he had a responsibility to young marines to teach and tell them what he knew from his own combat experience because he knew that would be helpful. He answered the call without complaint and once again distinguished himself as a marine company commander in battle against the Chinese in North Korea in the mountains of Korea.

One of his young lieutenants in that company in Korea was the novelist and writer James Brady. Brady wrote a book about his experience in the Korea war entitled "The Coldest War" and John Chafee is the hero of that story. Brady writes.

That's how it is in the Marine Corps. There are rules and a subtle understanding some of

them are to be broken. Colonels broke rules, I suppose generals did, enlisted men broke them, I broke them whenever I could with circumspection, but Chafee never. Captain Chafee kept the rules. Not that he was prissy. It simply did not occur to Chafee to cut corners.

Brady also writes about not having a chance to tell John Chafee how much he meant to him in a way in which many of us in the Senate can identify with today.

There was so much I wanted to say: what his confidence meant to me, how I admired him, how much he'd taught all of us. He was the only truly great man I'd met in my life, and all I had the time to do was say thanks. Maybe he understood.

We all know his incredible achievements after returning from battle. He continued to serve his native Rhode Island well as a three-term Governor and then Senator for 23 years. He also continued to serve his beloved Marine Corps as the Secretary of the Navy.

He kept faith with all those marines who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Pacific and in Korea by living a good life and representing them well. He was always *Semper Fi* to the Corps.

One story recalled by another member of the platoon years later at a gathering of Korean war veterans told of how John Chafee's Marine company was moving across snow-covered ground that was believed to be covered with landmines. No one in the company was eager to march through the area so Captain John Chafee, showing no fear, took point and led his men through the snow. When the marines reached the top of the hill, someone looked back and observed that the entire company had left only one set of tracks as each marine had carefully stepped exactly in Captain John Chafee's footprints.

This lieutenant observed nearly 50 years later that he and the others were still trying to follow in John Chafee's footsteps.

As did his marines so long ago, many of us are trying to follow in John Chafee's footsteps, setting a standard of decency, civility, and kindness, remembering how to disagree without rancor. This is something all of us in the Senate need to remember when we think of John Chafee. It is the lesson all of us could relearn as we are going into some very tough times in the Senate. He loved this institution. He loved what it meant. We have all been enriched and blessed by his presence.

I hope his legacy will be that all of us will be better for John Chafee having been here because he is known as one of the kindest, most civil, and absolutely great Members of this body by everyone who knew him. I have never heard anyone say John Chafee was not a superior person. Whether or not you agreed with him on the merits of an issue, you could never say he wasn't the best of us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Ohio.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to John Chafee. Although I am a new Member of the Senate, I worked with John for many years as Governor of Ohio and as vice chairman and chairman of the National Governors' Association. I worked with him to reform Medicaid and welfare and to reform our laws to protect the environment.

I always found him to be a gentleman, a thoughtful man who listened and gave a fair hearing, whether it was in his office or before his committee. I also found him to be a man of profound principle with a deep and abiding sense of care for the less fortunate and the environment.

No environmental legislation emerged from this Congress without his imprint. I am sure he looked at the improving environment in this country as part of his public service legacy. In particular, I remember working closely with him on the effort to reform the Safe Drinking Water Act. I was one of the leads for the Governors of the State and local government coalition, and John, of course, was chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

John was a visionary leader insisting on enhancing protection of public health and, for the first time, requiring the use of cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment in setting environmental standards.

When we in the State and local government community started out, we were told we wouldn't succeed; that the environmental community would never accept these far-reaching reforms.

However, due to John's hard work and credibility, we did succeed and the enactment of the bill was celebrated at The White House. The result was that the bill was viewed as a model for environmental reform by state and local elected officials and as an advancement in the protection of public health by the environmental community.

Since I arrived in the Senate earlier this year, I have been privileged to serve on John's Environment and Public Works Committee. We had many oars in the water, so to speak, bills that we were working on. I am saddened that I did not have more of an opportunity to work with John as a colleague here in the Senate, as so many others did, who have spoken so eloquently of their high regard and treasured friendship with him.

However, it has been a privilege to work with him and serve with him. I have learned from him and his example. There is no one who ran a better or fairer hearing than John. When John chaired a hearing, you could count that it would start on time. In fact, I tried to get there before him to let him know that first, I respected his chairmanship and, second, to take advantage of his "early bird" rule. For those of you who are unaware of the chairman's "early bird rule," it was his way of specially recognizing those who made the effort to show up on time for

his hearings. The "early bird rule" provided that he would recognize Senators in the order they arrived—regardless of seniority—although on occasion he did make exceptions if a "late arrival" had a special issue to bring before the committee.

John reminded me of my father-in-law—if you weren't 5 minutes early for a scheduled meeting, he would be standing there waiting for you while looking at his watch.

I have decided that in the future I will no longer refer to the "early bird rule," but will begin a new tradition honoring the chairman by now referring to the "Chafee rule."

Others have spoken of John's military and civic service to his country with beautiful oratory, but I simply want to say that as a freshman he was my role model. John Chafee was an honest, hard working, decent, principled, and straight-forward man. I will miss him and the Senate will surely be the less for his loss.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from New Hampshire.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, there have been a number of my colleagues who have spoken about a wonderful man and a good friend and colleague, Senator John Chafee. I will take a few moments to talk about John Chafee the friend, John Chafee the legislator, and the man who served as a role model for all in public service, regardless of the partisan affiliation, ideology, or views on any particular issues.

I happened to be in New Hampshire yesterday morning—ironically, discussing the possibilities of attending a function in New England honoring Senator Chafee—when I heard the tragic news of his passing. It was, indeed, a shock. I saw John in his wheelchair on the subway after the last vote on Friday. He was engaged in conversation with some constituents, visitors to the Capitol. I didn't interrupt him because I didn't want to interrupt that conversation. I wish I had. That would have been the last opportunity to say goodbye to him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, with Ginny and the children and the grandchildren, but also with Senator Chafee's very devoted staff, both on the Environment and Public Works Committee and in his personal office.

Others on the floor have reviewed Senator Chafee's record of achievements. It is an inspiring record. Others have dwelled on it extensively. It stands in stark contrast to what many Americans today think about politics, politicians, and political leaders.

I want to emphasize the qualities of public service and patriotism that motivated John Chafee. In the spirit of Jimmy Stewart, who believed that good leaders should occupy the offices here, John Chafee was in that tradition. As a young man of 20, John left college to enlist in the Marine Corps

after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He fought at Guadalcanal, and after that he resumed his studies. After the war, he earned an undergraduate degree from Yale and a law degree from Harvard. He again served his country in the Korean conflict where he commanded Dog Company, a 200-man rifle unit in the first marine division. That is not easy duty.

After serving his country with honor in the military, he embarked on what would be another honorable career for John Chafee; 6 years in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, including the rise to the post of minority leader. He ran for the Governor of Rhode Island and was elected by a 398-vote margin in 1962. His constituents recognized John Chafee's leadership, integrity, and intelligence by rewarding him with two more terms as Governor—in both cases by the largest margins in the State's history.

In 1969, President Richard Nixon appointed John Chafee as Secretary of the Navy where he served with and was succeeded by our mutual friend, JOHN WARNER. John Chafee was elected to the Senate in the bicentennial year of 1976 as the first Republican to be elected Senator from Rhode Island in 46 years. His work as a Senator was rewarded with reelection in 1982, 1988, 1994, and he would have been reelected again in 2000 had that been in the cards.

He was looking forward to spending more time with Ginny and the grandchildren. I think that is the greatest tragedy of all, that they will miss a wonderful husband and a wonderful father and grandfather.

I first got to know John Chafee when I was elected to the Senate in 1990. I served on the Environment and Public Works Committee where he was a ranking member and then chairman. We worked together on all of the environmental bills that come down the pike: Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and, most importantly, on Superfund, where we shared the frustrations of working and fighting the good fight, where we had differences on the other side of the aisle. But John was a patient legislator in spite of the frustrations, in spite of the times he could have been angry—politically angry—at those on the other side of the aisle. He never was. One couldn't get him to say one cross word about anybody on that committee no matter what. He wouldn't do it.

I was taking the subway and saw John talking to a person, perhaps posing for a picture. And sometimes the people were not sure who he was. One time a person asked: Do you know which Senator that was, sir? And I said: I do. That is Senator John Chafee. They said: What do you know about him? I said: He is the nicest man in the Senate, and don't forget it.

He was. He looked after his colleagues.

In 1996, when I ran for reelection, there were attacks on my environmental record that were not justified.

He came to my aid in New Hampshire and spent a day up there with me deflecting those attacks. Although he was criticized for doing it, he did it anyway. He was glad to do it. I will never forget it.

Both New Englanders, Chafee and SMITH, both veterans, both committed to protecting the environment, John a far greater leader than I in that regard, we did have a lot in common. We disagreed on issues, as well. If there was anyone who ever lived who perfected the art of disagreeing without being disagreeable, it was John Chafee. Many times I marveled at his ability to participate in a heated debate, in close quarters, sometimes without losing his composure and his good humor. One of the qualities I will always remember about John was his demeanor and good humor.

When I first came to the Senate—and Senator WARNER referred to this yesterday—one of his favorite expressions was, “Oh, dear.” Senator WARNER spoke eloquently about it yesterday. I had a personal experience with “Oh, dear” when I first came to the Senate in 1990 and we reorganized the Senate. I didn’t know people that well. I was getting pressure from some Senators on one quarter to vote for one person for leadership and others were suggesting I vote for Senator Chafee. As I went into the last moments before the vote in the Republican conference, I still had not made up my mind.

Finally I decided. My decision was to vote against Senator Chafee. So I said: I have to tell him this. My conscience would bother me too much if I didn’t walk up and tell him before the vote because it was a secret ballot. I walked up and I said: John, I just want to let you know I decided to vote for the other guy, and he just said, “Oh, dear.” And he lost by one vote.

It really was the beginning of a long friendship which I will always cherish. There will be a lot of tributes to Senator Chafee over the next several months. None of them will do justice to the memory of his legacy. I would like to propose one myself today, as one small way to deal with that legacy. As we all know, throughout his career John fought for the protection of our natural resources. One initiative many Americans may not appreciate that was sponsored by Senator Chafee in 1982 was the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. I know enacting that into law was one of the proudest moments of Senator Chafee’s tenure here.

For the benefit of my colleagues who are not familiar with this act, its primary purpose is to restrict Federal expenditures and financial assistance that encouraged the development of undeveloped coastal barriers. Development in ecologically critical coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts not only damaged fish and other natural resources but often resulted in the loss of human life as well.

The act permitted Federal expenditures for energy resource development,

military activities, channel improvements, conservation activities, emergencies, navigation aids, and scientific research projects. It permitted, but did not require, interested private landowners to enter the system on a voluntary basis. The Coastal Barrier Resources System comprises approximately 3 million acres and 2,500 shoreline miles.

This act was vintage Chafee. It was balanced. It was fiscally prudent. It was environmentally protective. I can think of no more fitting tribute to Senator John Chafee than to name the system created by that legislation the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. I intend to introduce legislation to that effect and look forward to its quick passage with the support of my colleagues.

In closing, I say to Ginny and to the children and grandchildren, our thoughts and prayers are with you. All of us are proud to have called your husband, your father, and your grandfather, a friend. He was a decent, wonderful man. I am proud to call him a friend.

I would like to close reading Psalm 15, which the Chafee staff read in an effort to comfort one another about their leader. The Psalm is as follows:

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

It is a wonderful tribute from the Chafee staff to their friend and their boss. I don’t think it could be said any better than that.

We will miss you, John, but we are a lot richer because you were here with us.

Mr. BAUCUS. Will the Senator yield? I want to tell the Senator what a gracious suggestion he has made, naming the Coastal Barrier Resources System after Senator John Chafee. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute with respect to legislation with which he has been associated. I hope, therefore, we can bring that bill out quickly—I do not think it is controversial at all—and pass it in this session of this Congress. I thank the Senator. I express my appreciation to the Senator for such a gracious thought, and I will join with him, moving as quickly as we can to make that become law with John’s name on it.

All of us are at a loss to find the words. We dig down deep to try to ascertain the meaning of John’s death. It was so sudden. It happened so quickly, and to such a wonderful, decent, good

man. I think basically all of us are going to be remembered to some degree by who we are as people, more than what legislation we passed. We all work together here to pass legislation, but it is really the character of the person that is remembered by family, friends, associates.

I can think of no person for whom I presently do have a fonder memory or more respect than John Chafee. There is no man who was more of a good man than John Chafee. His decency, his civility—they do not come any better. They just don’t. We are all thinking about John. Words don’t come to us—certainly not to this Senator at this moment—but we all know what a good man he was. We cherish those memories very deeply.

He was a great Senator.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to remember our friend John Chafee. The state of Rhode Island and the United States have lost a great man—a valiant soldier, a dedicated statesman and a gentleman of a breed we don’t see enough of these days.

I always felt an affinity with John because our political careers followed similar paths. Like me, he returned from military service overseas and soon began his political career in his home state of Rhode Island, eventually serving as Governor and then as a United States Senator.

The courage and integrity that earned John accolades in the Marine Corps marked his tenure in the Senate, where he stood up for issues he believed in, no matter the opposition, and worked to break gridlock between Democrats and Republicans and forge partnerships amid partisanship. He knew when to be a leader in his party and when to be a loner, and most people respected him dearly for it. A former Secretary of the Navy, he steered his own course.

Environmentalists will remember John Chafee as their chief Republican ally, a man whose vision led to the crafting of numerous pieces of key legislation, including the 1988 law against ocean dumping, the 1989 oil spill law and most notably the Clean Air Act of 1990. More recently, he led successful efforts to enact oil spill prevention and response legislation and a bill to strengthen the Safe Drinking Water Act. His years of commitment to the protection of the nation’s wetlands and barrier islands are also tributes to his environmental legacy.

John had many visions, one of which was providing all Americans with comprehensive health care. His hard work in drafting a Republican health care package and pushing for a bipartisan compromise will not be forgotten. Neither will his efforts to expand health care coverage for women and children, improve community services for persons with disabilities and reduce the federal budget deficit.

Democrats and Republicans alike in John’s home state of Rhode Island knew they had a friend in their Senator. He fought for local issues with

the same vigor as national ones. When he announced this March that he would not seek a fifth Senate term in 2000, he became emotional as he explained, "I want to go home." In many ways I think John has gone home, in that he took his deep love of Rhode Island and its residents with him as he left this earth on Sunday.

As a Marine, John Chafee followed the motto "Semper Fi," or "always faithful." He carried that motto with him throughout his life. He was always faithful to his state, his country and his family. I will miss him and his statesmanship on the Senate floor.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, even now that we've had a moment to pause and reflect, it's hard to believe just how quickly John Chafee was taken from us. His passing, without any warning, caught us all unawares, and it leaves a hole in our lives and our work that will not be easily filled.

Like so many of my colleagues, I will always recall John's friendly, courteous personality—the way he listened carefully to what you had to say and explained any differences he had in position or philosophy. His interest in a vast variety of subjects and the knowledge and insight that he shared on them made him both a friend and a teacher to his colleagues in the Senate.

I remember my first year in the United States Senate. I was working hard on an issue I really wanted to make some progress on. In an effort to encourage people to clean up environmental hazards, some States had provided a way where businesses could search for problems, identify them, begin to correct them, and then have reduced or no fines depending on the severity of the situation. The language of this regulation varied from State to State. Then the Environmental Protection Agency started coming into the States following these environmental audits and fining people. They were also threatening to take away the State's ability to continue to allow these audits.

I drafted a bill to make the environmental audits federally accepted. I wasn't on the right committee for this legislation and I hadn't had an opportunity to get my bill taken up for consideration when the appropriations process came around. So, I submitted my bill as an amendment. Senator Chafee had me meet with him. He explained the appropriations process, and then explained the complexities of taking up my bill as an amendment. He said if I would withdraw my amendment he would hold a hearing in his committee. I withdrew my amendment certain there would be no further action taken on it that session.

Shortly after my visit with Senator Chafee, and without any additional urging on my part, he had set a date for a hearing on environmental audits. During the hearing, Senator Chafee's in-depth questions helped to bring focus and perspective to the issue at hand. When the hearing was gaveled to a

close, everyone had a better understanding of the problem and what we needed to do to correct it.

A few months later, Kyoto, Japan became the site for the Global Climate Change Conference. Senator Chafee and I and several others went to Kyoto to reaffirm our position and deliver the message included in the Senate resolution dealing with global climate change. While we were there I attended several meetings with him. I also spent some time outside of the meetings with him. It was a good opportunity to break bread with him and get to know this very fine man a little better.

I recall our first night to Kyoto. Several members of the delegation checked on places to eat and they had selected a restaurant. Senator Chafee checked to see how expensive the restaurant was. He thought that was too much money to spend on any dinner. So, he had his dinner in the hotel lobby. I joined him and appreciated very much the evening of discussion that we had on Japan, global climate change, and a variety of environmental issues. Eating our dinner and sharing our views gave me a little more insight into the character of this phenomenal man who sat next to me.

John had a remarkable ability to bring people together—and keep them together. He also had a gift for putting into words that one, deep, probing question that got right to the heart of the matter. And, in these days when it is sometime more popular to cling to what is politically correct than what is right—John never wavered in his beliefs and he never compromised his principles. He always stood tall and proud for what he believed in. That's why he was always so deeply respected by his colleagues and his constituents.

Something tells me that God must have had a special need for someone with John's unique skills, so He called him home. I wouldn't be surprised if right now, John is chairing a meeting with God's angels in heaven to help get them more organized and focused, too. That would be just like him.

In the years to come, I think what I will miss most about John will be his warmth, his laugh, his voice, and his walk before and after the cane. John was both a gentleman and a gentle man and his remarkable persona will be greatly missed. For the moment we will each cling to the instant replay memories we have of him to help to fill the void his passing leaves behind.

John, your service in the Senate leaves us all with a good example for us to follow in the way you always gave totally of yourself to your family, to your state, to each of us, to your country and to the world around us. Thanks for all the ways you've served us all. Thanks for all the things you've done. So much of your State, our country, and parts all around this great world of ours bear your mark for your having passed by. Thanks for the seeds that you planted that will effect the future. Because of them, you will never be forgotten.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise to make a few remarks concerning the recent passing of Mr. Chafee.

Mr. Chafee was one of a kind. His life was a life of service. He served in two great wars—World War II and the Korean conflict, rising from private to captain. He served Rhode Island as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives and as Governor, then as its United States Senator.

He has left a most positive legacy for the citizens of this land to emulate. But his greatest legacy was a legacy of decency. It mattered very little to Mr. Chafee whether a proposal was made by the Democrats or the Republicans. His only question was: Is this program or project in the best interest of this nation?

Our nation has lost a great leader and a most dedicated public servant. The State of Rhode Island has lost its most brilliant star. But for many, many of us—we have lost a friend. I will miss him.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, we are all deeply saddened by the sudden loss of our colleague and friend, John Chafee. He was a very special Member of the Senate who embodied the noblest traditions of this institution. He would fight with great vigor and passion for the principles he believed in, trying to persuade colleagues to adopt his point of view. But his devotion to a cause never made him intransigent or unwilling to consider competing ideas.

John Chafee had a unique ability to build consensus, and he was forever searching to find common ground across partisan and ideological battlelines. He was a student of history, and he knew that principled compromise was essential if the legislative process is to serve the public interest. He understood that a Congress mired in gridlock could not solve the Nation's problems.

He cared far too deeply about the country he served to accept political stalemate. Because of his deep commitment to these abiding principles, he held the trust and respect of colleagues across the political spectrum, and he was often able to find that common ground when others could not.

John Chafee's 23 years in the Senate have truly made a difference. The American people enjoy cleaner air and cleaner water because of his tireless and skillful efforts to protect the environment. Foster children are treated more humanely because he assumed the role of their legislative guardian. Poor families who must depend on Medicaid have more secure access to health care because of his concern for their well-being.

While John Chafee was a skilled consensus builder, he was never reluctant to speak out on controversial issues. His gentle and gracious manner was accompanied by a very strong will. His political courage was evident on a broad range of issues—from his outspoken advocacy of banning the manufacture and sale of handguns, to his

vigorous defense of abortion rights, to his steadfast support for nuclear weapons control. He was a man of principle, whose strength was evident to all who knew him. I will always remember his extraordinary efforts in 1993 and 1994 to enact health insurance coverage for all Americans. Through that battle, John Chafee never gave up and never gave in. He showed great perseverance under exceptional pressure, and great commitment to a cause he believed in deeply.

His ideals and patriotism was shaped as a young soldier in combat on Guadalcanal and Okinawa during World War II and in the Korean conflict. Tom Brokaw has called John Chafee's generation "The Greatest Generation." In his well-known book by that name, Mr. Brokaw wrote:

They came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War and went on to build modern America—men and women whose everyday lives of duty, honor, achievement, and courage gave us the world we have today.

John Chafee symbolizes those eloquent words. As a state legislator, as Governor of Rhode Island, as Secretary of the Navy, and as a four-term United States Senator, John Chafee devoted his entire adult life to public service. He gave our nation not only length of service, but service of the highest caliber. He believed in the capacity of government to improve the lives of its citizens, and he worked every day to make it so. His distinguished service will leave a lasting legacy.

We all feel his loss today. But it will be felt even more deeply by the Senate as time passes. We will miss his wise counsel, we will miss his political courage, and we will miss his extraordinary ability to build bridges across partisan and ideological divides.

I extend my deepest sympathy to John's wife, Virginia, and to his children and grandchildren. Our Senate family truly shares your loss.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, our friend and colleague John Chafee was a good man, a first among equals. He was a statesman and a public servant. He dedicated his professional life to the service of his country. He was a good friend to colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

John Chafee was respected by all who knew and served with him. And he returned that respect in kind. He was a bridge builder, always looking for a way to craft consensus.

He set aside partisanship and put his energies into working for the greater good. And he won high praise from a wide spectrum of admirers, from the ACLU to the Chamber of Commerce!

John had an early and lifelong sense of duty to his country. He left college in 1942 to join the Marine Corps. He fought in the U.S. invasion of Guadalcanal and later on Okinawa. He returned to active military duty in 1951 in Korea. Between his tours of duty, John earned his bachelor's degree at Yale and his law degree at Harvard.

He built a career of distinguished service to his state and his nation. He served in the Rhode Island House of Representatives (1957–63), as Governor of Rhode Island (1963–69), as Secretary of the Navy (1969–72). And in 1977, John Chafee came to the United States Senate, the first Republican Senator elected in his state in 46 years.

No matter where public service took him, his heart was always in Rhode Island. And it was to Rhode Island that he planned to retire next year.

John Chafee wore many titles in his lifetime, and he wore them all with distinction: Captain, Governor, Secretary, Senator.

But I believe that John was proudest of being a husband, father, and grandfather. He was devoted to his family—to Virginia, their five children, and twelve grandchildren. Their loss is tremendous, and I hope in the days and weeks ahead they take some small comfort in John's magnificent legacy.

When the major achievements of the 20th Century are recounted, many of them will bear the mark of John Chafee: the Clean Air Act, the Superfund, Social Security, fair housing, civil rights.

He played a major role in every major piece of environmental legislation that has passed during the past two decades. He fought for health care coverage for low income families and expanded coverage for uninsured children.

He fought for the Family and Medical Leave Act. John made it his mission to ensure that no American fell between the cracks. And America's women, children, and families are the beneficiaries.

John Chafee and I worked together long and hard to protect kids from tobacco addiction. In 1998, we introduced the first comprehensive bipartisan tobacco prevention bill—the Kids Deserve Freedom from Tobacco Act.

Our bill—also known as the KIDS Act—was designed to cut tobacco use by kids in half over a three-year period. John took some risks in joining this bipartisan effort, but he did it because he was a passionate advocate for children.

I also had the privilege of working with John on disability issues. He was a major champion for creating alternatives to institutions for people with disabilities.

Senator Chafee's work to create the Medicaid home and community-based waivers opened the doors to independent living for tens of thousands of people with disabilities. His efforts in this area alone are too numerous to recount.

In addition, he worked in true bipartisan manner to promote maternal and child health programs and to protect thousands of children with disabilities from losing SSI.

John Chafee's commitment to fighting for what he believed in was matched by the dedication of his longtime, loyal staff. Our hearts go out to all of them.

Mr. President, John Chafee was a humble giant. He had a broad, inclusive vision. He was principled and thoughtful. He asked and gave the best of himself in everything he did. He didn't seek recognition. He just rolled up his sleeves and got to work. His spirit and his voice will be sorely missed. I am privileged to call him my friend.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in mourning the untimely death of our friend, John Chafee. Today, we celebrate the enthusiastic spirit he brought with him each day to the Senate, and the generous public spirit exemplified by his work.

With John's passing, the State of Rhode Island has lost a leader, the Senate has lost a statesman, and the Chafee family has lost a loving, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. As the Senate family, the prayers of John's colleagues and our staffs are with Ginny and her entire family.

Many of my colleagues have recited the accomplishments of John Chafee. They bear repeating, however.

Before his achievements as a legislator, John was a leader in the Marines. He served in the original invasion at Guadalcanal, and when he was recalled to active duty in 1951, he commanded a rifle company in Korea.

John then turned his service to the State of Rhode Island, first as a member of its House of Representatives, where he eventually attained the rank of Minority Leader. In 1962, John ran for Governor and won—though it was a very close race. He increased that margin of victory significantly in the following two elections, in 1964 and 1966, when he was reelected with the largest margin in the State's history.

Following his governorship, John Chafee went on to serve as Secretary of the Navy for three and a half years.

Beginning in 1976, John began his long career in the U.S. Senate. As the only Republican elected from Rhode Island in the past 68 years, John vigorously pursued the interests of his constituents, including environmental issues, health care concerns, and efforts to reduce the Federal budget deficit. Through his position on the Senate Finance Committee, and mine on the Foreign Relations Committee, we worked closely together on a number of fronts to support free trade and oppose unilateral sanctions. I recall at one point we were two of five Senators who opposed a resolution we both thought was harmful to our relationships with another country.

John Chafee's contributions to this Senate, however, go much deeper than just those outlined within the pages of his impressive biography.

I remember when I moved from the House to the Senate, and those early, confusing days working out of the cramped Dirksen basement. John Chafee was moving his office at the same time, and he invited me up to look his over. He made this new Senator feel welcome in a place where

bonds between the "old-timers" are strong and newcomers can sometimes feel intimidated. Ultimately, I didn't take John Chafee's office, but I gladly accepted his friendship. When I last spoke to John, during a short conversation in this Chamber late last week, he talked about his son, Lincoln, and the possibility that son would replace father in the Senate. I think he took great pride in the thought of his family carrying on his tradition of public service.

I was moved by the words of John Chafee's staff in a statement they collectively issued on Monday. It said, in part: "His sense of public spirit was infectious, and we have all learned a great deal from him. But more important than any lesson in civics is the example he set for all of us about how to conduct our lives: listen to both sides; do what's right; always look for the good in people; and, even if you don't prevail, be of good cheer."

Mr. President, John was a tireless advocate for his constituents, a man who sought agreement in the often-acrimonious atmosphere of Washington, a man who brought meaning to the idea of giving one's word and standing by one's principles. And he was consistently of good cheer. I was proud to serve with him, and proud to consider him a friend.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of a dear friend and colleague, Senator John Chafee.

I was deeply saddened yesterday to hear of Senator Chafee's passing. The Chafee family lost a dear husband, father and grandfather. My thoughts and prayers go out to Virginia, his children, and his grandchildren. The Senate lost one of our most principled and reasoned colleagues. Senator Chafee will be greatly missed here. The people of Rhode Island, whose needs and concerns guided his actions on a daily basis, lost an admired Senator. His impact will be felt in Rhode Island for generations to come. Our country lost a tireless leader who consistently fought for what he believed in, and for that, I am deeply saddened.

Senator Chafee was the kind of Senator that this country needs. In times of increasing partisanship, John Chafee always reached across the aisle to form alliances, to build compromises, to get things done. He let principles, not politics, be his guide. And that enabled him to be an unbending bridge between both sides that we have so desperately needed.

Senator Chafee's politics was the kind of politics this country needs. He inspired voters on both sides of the party line with his honest, independent politics. Senator Chafee always believed that persistent honesty and unshakeable integrity were the cornerstones of public life. His was always the quiet voice of reason.

And Senator Chafee was the kind of person this country needs. John Chafee devoted his life to public service—as a

Marine, as a State legislator and minority leader in the Rhode Island House, as Governor of Rhode Island, as Secretary of the Navy, and as a United States Senator. He and his wife Virginia raised a beautiful family, and instilled in them the values of public service and integrity. I am proud to have worked with such a distinguished man.

We will always celebrate, and never forget, the work that was born of his public service, his commitment to his family, and his commitment to his principles. Senator Chafee's work here in the Senate has had a tremendous impact on our nation. He leaves a remarkable legacy.

We will always celebrate Senator Chafee's leadership on the Clean Air Act. We will always celebrate his fight to strengthen the Safe Drinking Water Act. We will always celebrate his hard work in authoring the Superfund program. The air we breathe and the water we drink is cleaner and safer because of his landmark efforts.

We will always remember his unwavering advocacy for a woman's right to choose. We will always remember his fight to enact the Family and Medical Leave bill. We will always remember his important work to curb gun violence in America. Our families are stronger, our constitutional rights have been protected, and our streets are safer because of his steadfast devotion to these causes.

In these ways and more, Mr. President, we will always remember and celebrate his quiet strength, his unwavering commitment to the people of his state, and to his own principles. Senator Chafee has had an indelible impact on our policy and our politics, on our culture and our country. And for that, we will always be grateful.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 12:30 having come and gone, the Senate will stand in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, at 12:46 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2:14 p.m., whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. HAGEL).

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I understand the Senator from Montana wishes to speak. I know there are a number of other Senators who wish to speak on the Social Security issue.

Mr. President, what is the regular order? Do we have an hour?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is on the motion to proceed under cloture to H.R. 434.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be given 15 minutes as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. Reserving the right to object, my understanding is there is no time constraint. We are on the motion to proceed; is that correct?

Mr. GREGG. There is an hour.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Each Senator is limited to no more than 1 hour.

Mr. BAUCUS. Asking further clarification, is that on the motion to proceed?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On the motion to proceed.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the Senator from New Hampshire, I be allowed to speak for 20 minutes as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from New Hampshire.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to express my concern about the President's latest Social Security proposal as outlined in his recent radio address. I hope Congress will resolve to oppose this proposal unless it can be significantly modified, and it does not appear the President wants to modify it.

I am greatly disappointed with the decision by the President to bring forward this proposal. I had hoped to work with the President in a bipartisan manner to resolve the Social Security issue. There are a number of us in the Senate who are willing to go forward in a bipartisan manner on this issue. For example, Senator KERREY, Senator BREAUX, Senator GRASSLEY, and I have introduced a comprehensive Social Security reform bill. I have been pleased with this bipartisan effort, at least in the Senate, but I have been extremely disappointed by the White House's continued partisan approach toward the Social Security problem and especially their most recent proposal, which is, to say the least, a sham proposal. My goal today is to make absolutely clear for my colleagues just why this proposal does not work.

This is not an easy task because it is a complicated and confusing issue, but it is something that must be done. Regrettably, I think the complicated and confusing nature of the proposal was intentionally created in that concept so the people would not understand it, so it would be confusing, and so that, therefore, by glossing over it with terms such as "saving Social Security," they could attempt to hide the underlying documents and energy of it, which is to basically undermine Social Security.

Thus, it is vitally important that we all understand exactly what is at stake. So I am going to go back to basics and try to simplify this as much as I can.

In its simplest terms, the Social Security system has enough money to